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Subject: Comment Period Extended on Draft Environmental Assessment on Water Conversion Contract, Pine River Project, Colorado

Dear Agency, Organization or Interested Party:

The period for providing comments on the draft environmental assessment (EA) on a contract between the United States and the Pine River Irrigation District for the conversion of Pine River Project water for uses other than irrigation has been extended two weeks to May 12, 2006. The EA evaluates a proposal to provide domestic water supplies to a rapidly growing population in the general area of southeast La Plata and southwest Archuleta Counties in southwestern Colorado.

The draft EA is available at www.usbr.gov/uc/wcao/ (look under "Current Focus") or copies may be requested from me at ppage@uc.usbr.gov or by calling 970-385-6560.

Written comments on the draft EA should be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East 2nd Avenue, Suite 300, Durango Colorado 81301. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to ppage@uc.usbr.gov. Comments are now due by May 12, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-385-6560.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Pat Page
Southern Water Management Group Chief